

73. In Council Annapolis 13th. March 1780

117. We received your Letter of the 29th Ult^o and the 12th Inst^o. Our Expectation that the General Assembly will meet in a Day or two to whose Confederation we intend to submit the several Letters and Papers that relate to the Seizure of the French Blaves added to the Informations communicated by the Board of War in a Letter of the 4th Inst^o. that the Distresses of the Army are alarming and require the Speediest Relief have determined us not to grant the Permission requested. We suppose the Importance of the Subject will induce the General Assembly to deliberate on it as soon as they meet

William Smith Esq^r.

We are &c.

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118. Sir. The Certificate you sent us defective, it not appearing thereby that the Cargo cleared out in Virtue of our Permit of December last, was applied to the Relief of the Inhabitants of the Island of Bermuda. The Assembly is expected to meet every Day and we shall lay your Case before them; in the mean Time we cannot with Propriety give you the desired Permit.

Capt. Joseph Robinson.

We are &c.

In Council Annapolis 18th. March 1780

119. Sir. We shall take the earliest Opportunity of communicating your Letter of the 14th Inst^o. to the Hon^{ble} the General Assembly.

William Smith Esq^r.

We are &c.

In Council Annapolis 20th. March 1780

120. Sir. The exhausted State of the Treasury of the Western Shore lays us under the Necessity of making Application to you to furnish us immediately with all the Money in your Treasury exceeding the Sum of £10,000. which we apprehend will be adequate to the Purpose of discharging all Demands on you. If you think it more prudent to bring the Money than to trust any Person with it, we will most willingly reimburse you all Sums of Money necessarily expended on that Account.

Henry Dickinson Esq^r.
Treasurer of the Eastern Shore }
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We are &c.